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NEWS BRIEFS

Residents march to commemorate Newark riots

NEWARK — Residents last week commemorated the 1967 Newark riots. They did so by marching down Irving Turner Boulevard in honor of those who lost their lives during the five-day uprising. Marchers made their way from the West Ward Police Precinct to Emmanuel Church of Christ where a memorial service took place.

Participants included former Central Ward Councilman George Branch, newly elected councilmembers Cory Booker, and Rosale Walker, and Newark historian Clement Price. "New housing stands where squalor once ruled," Price said. "Now we have people who know how to build public housing."

State issues loan to renovate Pathmark supermarket

CAMDEN — Governor Christie Whitman recently said a visit to a Pathmark supermarket in Camden that was recently re-opened and expanded. The state provided \$2 million in loans for the renovation project, which resulted in a modern supermarket for area residents and a significant increase in employment at the store.

"The renovation of this food market is a great example of the kind of redevelopment going on all over the state," the Governor said. "Cities like Camden are benefiting from state policies that encourage commercial investment in our urban centers."

Police director says Newark crime on the decline

NEWARK — Police Director Joseph Santogro last week announced the most recent crime figures for the city. His announcement cited a 24 percent decrease in crime for the first six months of 1998. According to Santogro, the numbers represent a lowering of all crimes except murder.

Confident that the numbers will continue to decline, Mayor Sharpe James said, "When I appointed Joseph Santogro as police director in July of 1996, he committed to an overall 50 percent reduction in crime. He's well on his way to reaching his goal."

Jury ends battle for the use of 'The Drifters' name

NEWARK — A federal jury last week decided that promoter Larry Marshak is the only person in the U.S. who can legally use the name "The Drifters." The decision put an end to the five-day court hearings between Marshak and Faye Treadwell, whose husband managed the group from its beginnings in 1953 until he died in 1967. The decision will prevent Treadwell from bringing a group she calls The Drifters to the U.S. from Europe to perform.

The jury decided that Marshak owns a valid trademark, though not a federal trademark, for The Drifters because of his continued use of the name since 1976.

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Urban League reports on state of black America

WASHINGTON (NPPA) — African Americans must amass capital, develop their own businesses and other institutions, and spend their money wisely if they are to seize and wield economic power wisely, a panel of experts and officials of the National Urban League said during a news conference in Washington recently.

Hugh B. Price, president of the 88-year-old civil rights group, called the pursuit of economic power "a civil rights challenge on par with the

epic struggles of the past against segregation in public schools and public accommodations.

"We've not finished with that agenda," Price commented. "We've said that economic power is the next civil rights frontier, and we've got to cross that landscape."

The news conference was called to mark the publication of *The State of Black America*, the Urban League's annual report on the status of African Americans.

The release of the volume, whose

overall focus was examining the political economy of Black America, was timed to occur just before the organization opened its annual conference, held Aug. 2 to 5 in Philadelphia. The conference theme was "Economic Power: Leveling the Playing Field."

Joining Price at the news conference were two of the volume's authors, Thomas M. Shapiro, professor of sociology and anthropology at Northeastern University, in Boston, and Lubeth B. Schorr, director of the

Harvard (University) Center for Effective Intervention.

Shapiro, who co-wrote the book's essay exploring the great gap in wealth between Blacks and Whites, said "racism continues to build, to lengthen, to strengthen that gap."

The most effective way to reduce it, to build wealth among African Americans, he argued, is to enact an asset-based policy program that make it easier for Blacks to buy homes, develop small businesses, and acquire other assets that are the foundation of

wealth.

Schor, an expert on community redevelopment programs, said that the book's record in impoverished neighborhoods across the country "show that we know what works to transform these neighborhoods into effective communities. If you make it possible for the residents and organizations of the community to implement their own ideas to improve their neighborhoods and call upon the resources of the larger society, the chances of success are great."

Pepsi strikers want equality



Workers protest outside the Pepsi-Cola building in Piscataway. They've asked the company for an internal investigation into what they feel are "preferential treatment" practices in the areas of hiring, training, disciplinary action and termination of employees.

By Lucie Sanchez
Contributing Writer

For nearly three months, Pepsi-Cola workers have reached out to the community to become involved in their fight for equal opportunity. If you drive by the Piscataway facility, you are almost guaranteed to hear drivers blowing their horns in support.

They have asked Pepsi for an internal investigation of the "preferential treatment" in the hiring, training, disciplinary action, and termination of employees. The protesters say they want the public to know that when they buy Pepsi products they are supporting a racist company.

Dressed in a red, white and blue

Pepsi-Cola hat and shirt, Jesse Oliver stood in front of the Piscataway facility hoping someone heard his cry. Oliver, a machine operator for 18 years, is one of several employees who were repeatedly turned down for a higher position.

"I never thought I would be doing this," Oliver said. "My ancestors did this 30, 40 years ago. Now I'm out here with a sign around my neck. But they we'll get there. We're not gonna quit until they change."

The Pepsi-Cola headquarters in New York says it is currently investigating the claims made by the protesters. However, due to the lack of substantial evidence, progress is not being made by the rate they would like. Vice president Maurice Cox denied all charges and

said he is currently meeting with the protesters to resolve the matter. "There is zero-tolerance for any type of discrimination," said Cox. "We take immediate disciplinary action up to terminating an employee or probation. We take all of our employee rights very seriously."

Cox proudly boasted of Pepsi's culturally diverse track record and the value of its employees. He stated that in the Piscataway facility, 95 percent of the workforce and 29 percent of the managers are minorities.

Although meetings have been held, some employees are still not satisfied. Dennis McKinzie has asked local community groups to aid the employees of their goal. He said the continuous discriminatory behavior is causing a division in the work place and a hostile environment. He stated that a white co-worker assaulted him several days after the protest. "I just want Pepsi to practice what they preach," said McKinzie. "The only ones being recruited, trained and promoted are the majority. Their first criteria is that you have to be white."

McKinzie and several other employees have called on the United Youth Council, headed by Salaam Ismail for support. Ismail said Pepsi is taking a "warlike" kind of approach, however, he hopes to reach a resolution by mid-August. Until then, the employees and ex-employees say they will continue to sit on the curb while they wait for the right person to hear them.

Mortgages blasted for loan practices

BALTIMORE — NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume blasted the home mortgage industry for its "abysmal record in granting loans to African Americans and Latinos."

The 1997 rates by conventional lenders as released by the Federal Reserve in the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, indicate a 9 percent increase in loans denied to Blacks and a 10 percent denial rate increase for Latinos over the same period in 1996. The HMDA report also shows that the rate at which high-income borrowers received loans is three times greater than low-income borrowers.

Mfume said, "This data clearly indicates that the American dream of home ownership is a nightmare for people of color. The home loan mortgage industry is in default for its failure to bring light funding to minority and low-income borrowers. The fact that denial rates are going up instead of coming down suggests a major failing and that greater government oversight of financial services institutions is needed."

President Mfume, a member of Congress for ten years, who sat on the House Banking Committee, went on to call for a Justice Department investigation into this matter. "After ten years of reviewing these statistics and seeing things not get better, it is clear that something, somewhere is afoot with the lending practices in this country. Attorney General Janet Reno must act now within her authority to root out this institutional discrimination," he said.

FCC chief questions lack of computers

By Jeannine Averis
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission wants to know why blacks and Hispanics are less likely to have telephone service or own a computer than white families. Chairman Bill Kennard said recently that the commission will hold hearings on the matter this fall.

Overall, nearly 96 of white households have basic telephone service, while 86 percent of black families and 86.5 percent of Hispanic households do, according to a Commerce Department report released two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, nearly 41 percent of white families own a computer, compared with 19.4 percent of Hispanic households and 19.3 percent of black households, the report found, adding that the disparity continues regardless of income levels.

"Does this gap in access to technology matter? You bet it does," Kennard said in a speech to the National Urban League in Philadelphia. "Now can you look for a job without a phone? How can you demonstrate that you have the skills to compete if you don't know which side of a diskette goes in first?" Kennard said.

Bridging this growing digital divide has been a key concern of Vice President Al Gore.

The FCC will collect information from areas of the country where the problems are more prevalent. One way to close the digital divide, Kennard said, is through a FCC program that provides schools, libraries and rural health care providers with cheap Internet bookends.

The politically charged program is paid for by government-imposed fees on telecommunications companies.

Whitman visits Plainfield as part of commitment to community revitalization

By Sonya Kimble-Elis
Staff Writer

"The Governor wanted to meet and talk with the children," Sandra Clarke, president and CEO of Plainfield's Black United Fund (BUF), said of Gov. Christie Whitman's visit there last Wednesday. "So we asked if we could host a breakfast so that she could meet them and members of the community, and tour the building."

Whitman's morning visit was part of her effort to revitalize New Jersey's urban communities. The Black United Fund was the first stop on her tour that day, which included stops in Jersey City to visit the Building Renovation Project and Highlight Rehabilitation Subcode and Hillside to present a \$350,000 check to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. The visit to BUF was to highlight the role of private organizations in urban revitalization.

Upon arriving at the Fund, Gov. Whitman was greeted in front of the building by a group of girls from the Rose of Sharon Community Church who call themselves "Miners for Christ." Surrounded by members of the press, the Governor was led by Ms. Clarke into the building. She then entered into BUF's pool facility to meet some of the local youth who were about to go swimming. Whitman then made her way to a classroom where she read the book *A Very Windy Day* to kids-eyed, but often starved children in the center's pre-school program.

After hearing a poem recited by several Plainfield youth, Whitman and her entourage made their way to a room filled with local clergy, congress-



Governor Christie Whitman reads the book *A Very Windy Day* to children in a classroom in the Black United Fund pre-school program.

men, and politicians. Attending the reception were Plainfield Mayor Al McWilliams, City administrator Walter McNeil, Assemblyman Gary Green, Fire Chief John Rickett, Councilman Harold Mitchell, Councilwoman Liz Erskine, Councilman Malcolm Dean, Councilman Bob Furzr and others.

Addressing the audience, Governor Whitman said, "After what I've seen with the kids and having watched their faces as they participated with the pro-

grams, it brings home and reinforces something that I have felt for a long time. The way we're going to make a difference in our community is by listening to the people in the communities and seeing the kind of work they are doing and helping them where appropriate."

Throughout her address, the Governor stressed that the Plainfield community has established effective programs for its children and adults. "It's not government sitting in Trenton that can tell

you what's best for your children here," she said. "It's all of you who know and understand what the needs are. And that's why I'm so pleased that where we can, we are working with community groups, and with faith-based initiatives with our religious leaders because they are the hearts of communities."

In addition to her Faith-Based Initiative, Governor Whitman's "Urban Tool Kit" includes an urban site acquisition program and a urban home ownership recovery program.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College is offering a new course on "Death and the Human Experience" on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 4:35 p.m. at 25 Journal Square beginning September 2. You must register by August 18.

JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College will offer a new course, "Introduction to Acting" on Friday mornings from 10:05 to 11:10 a.m. For more information, call (201) 714-2127.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center announces a vacation trip to Montreal, Canada from October 27 - 29. For more details call the Center at (908) 753-3506.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center announces a bus trip to Atlantic City to Trump World's Fair Casino, the bus leaves the Center at 9 a.m. (908) 753-3506

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

NEWARK—Newark Museum's annual Summer Children's Theatre features diverse entertainment from live music to dance and theatrical performances beginning at 10 p.m. For more information call (973) 596-6650.

NEWARK—Essex County College will hold an "Easy Rider Day" from 2 to 6 p.m. at the West Essex campus in West Caldwell. (973) 877-3100 or (973) 432-2561

WEST NEW YORK—Hudson County Community College will conduct registrations at its North Hudson Campus located at 6515 Park Street (near 65th Street). Call (201) 714-2127 for details.

PLAINFIELD—Art classes offered by the Senior Citizens at 10 a.m. to noon. Art instructor: Lorenzo Lynch. For more information, call (908) 753-3506

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

LIVINGSTON—Youth Network Congregation First Annual Picnic at Mt. Pleasant Mountain. Reservations: Mayville Hill North, (973) 481-6650

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

CRANFORD—Union County College has 18 non-credit courses available to top off the month with short term enrichment opportunities. Through its "College for Kids" program, UCC will present these courses for young people ages 7 through 14 at its Cranford Campus. For more information, please call (908) 708-7600.

PLAINFIELD—A Calligraphy class is offered by the Senior Citizens at 10 a.m. to noon. Art instructor: Lorenzo Lynch. (908) 753-3506

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

PISCATAWAY—The NJ Historical Commission presents a grant workshop at the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum. The workshop is free, register one week in advance. To find out how to register, call: (909) 292-0682.

PLAINFIELD—Art classes offered by the Senior Citizens at 10 a.m. to noon. Art instructor: Lorenzo Lynch. (908) 753-3506

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

PLAINFIELD—The Youth Festival will be held at Library Park and Plainfield Library from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 22. Music, food, and fun for the whole family, vendors wanted. Call (908) 754-7216 for more information.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

PLAINFIELD—Slave Vito from the Plainfield Shade Tree Dept. will speak and answer your questions about how the city works at 10:30 a.m. at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Center. The program is open to all residents aged 55 or older. (908) 753-3506

PLAINFIELD—A Calligraphy class is offered by the Senior Citizens at 10 a.m. to noon. Art instructor: Lorenzo Lynch. For more information, call (908) 753-3506

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

EAST RUTHERFORD—The Independent College Fund of New Jersey and Bloomfield College invite the Kookoi Classic of the Year Classic, the first college football game of the season, at Giants stadium. The game will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Giants stadium. Call (973) 748-9000 ext. 561.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

GARWOOD—The Union County Coalition for the prevention of Substance Abuse, a program of the Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network, will host the nationally acclaimed speaker, Dr. Michael Thomson, a renowned international authority on parenting, at The Westwood, in Garwood. For further information, contact (908) 686-6644

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WASHINGTON—A "Black Investors Conference" will be held through September 18 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. The theme is "Investing in our future building on our past." Register by calling or visiting their website: 1-888-411-COB8 or WWW.COBIINVEST.COM

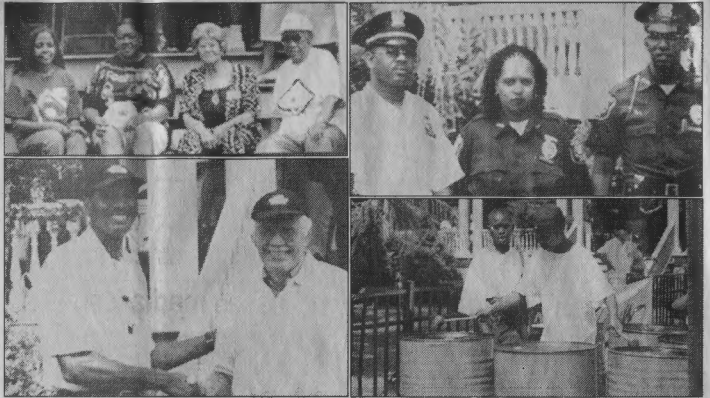
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEW YORK—The NBA and Hoop-it-up—the league's and NBC Sports' official 3-on-3 street basketball tour—today announces the worldwide Tour will return to New York for the sixth consecutive year. For registration information, players can call the Hoop-It-Up New York City hotline at 888-513-PLAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NASSAU—The American Concern for Arts and Craftsmanship takes pleasure in announcing the 2nd Annual Art of Craft Festival, an exposition designed as Long Island's most elegant American crafts event to be held at the Nassau County Museum of Art. A special preview will be held from 5-8 p.m. to benefit the Museum. 516-484-9337.

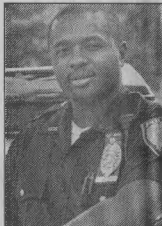
100 Black Men holds village family gathering



EAST ORANGE—The 100 Black Men of New Jersey Inc. held its second annual Village Family Gathering recently. Health screenings, exciting activities, athletic competition, music and food were the norm for the day. As an outreach from the Mentoring Center, the organization extends its principles of work, wisdom and worth to the greater community. Since the first Village Family Gathering, local law enforcement officers have noted a welcome change in the areas children, as well as reduced incidents of vandalism. 100 Black Men is comprised of black professionals and business leaders. Their mission is to facilitate the educational, economic and social mobility of Blacks and other minorities in the state, with a special emphasis on Black Youth. (Top left photo): a group of senior citizens pose for a picture as things get underway for a beautiful day of socializing. (Top right photo) 1-1: Sgt. Zachary Moon, Officer Kim Johnson, Officer Barry Porterfield (Bottom left photo): Mr. Carey J. Hines Executive Vice President of 100 Black Men (at left) and Mr. Douglas Woodson. (Bottom right photo) Community youth playing steel drums.

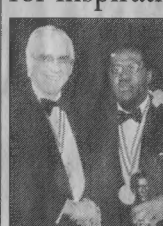
photos by Henry "C.J." Johnson

Simms to be honored for his profound help



UNION—Darren Simms, a Kean University police officer, will be honored later this year at a Campus Police awards dinner sponsored by the University's Campus Police Department for his work with the Essex/Union Auto Theft Task Force. Simms was instrumental in the apprehension of a juvenile involved in a fatal shooting. The incident, which occurred in Irvington, was believed to be a car jacking gone awry. Simms is one of several University police officers who voluntarily work with the Essex/Union Auto Theft Task Force as part of their regular police duties at Kean. Officer Simms was commended for his contributions in a letter from Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan.

Anthony Welters honored for inspirational success



NEW YORK—Anthony Welters, Chairman and CEO of AmeriChoice Corporation, is one of ten men and women who were honored with a 1998 Horatio Alger Award in a ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Welters was selected because he exemplifies inspirational success, triumph over adversity and an uncommon commitment to helping others. He was selected from among hundreds of nominations submitted for the award, which is presented annually by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, a non-profit educational association dedicated to providing promising youth people with scholarship assistance and other support.

Thomas Edison State College President receives NJASPA achievement award

TRENTON—Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College, received the New Jersey Achievement Award from the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) at its Annual Awards Dinner recently in Roman Hall.

The award is given to a New Jersey individual who, in a relatively recent time period, has enhanced the knowledge, science and art of public administration through outstanding service in federal, state or local government; educational or academic institutions; volunteer service in the public arena; or to the New Jersey Chapter of ASPA. This award may be achieved by contributing to the growth of the field in an imaginative way, or by furthering human rights, equal opportunity and justice in such areas as employment, social services, housing and education.

Dr. Pruitt received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Illinois State University and the Ph.D. in higher education administration from the Graduate School of The Union Institute in Cincinnati. He began his higher education career in 1968 as an instructor at Illinois State. Subsequently he served as dean of students at Towson State University in Towson, Md., and held three vice presidencies—at Morgan State University, Tennessee State University and with the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning—before accepting the presidency at

Thomas Edison in 1982.

Among his many professional and civic activities, Dr. Pruitt serves as a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for the United States Department of Education and on the boards of trustees of The Center for Analysis of Public Issues and The Union Institute. He is a member of three boards of directors: Seedco, New York, N.Y.; Mercer County Chamber of Commerce; and the Trenton Savings Bank, and is an advisor to Group XV of the Kellogg National Fellowship Program. Battle Creek, Mich. As a board member with the Mercer County Chamber, Dr. Pruitt chaired the Chamber's Education Committee, which completed a two-year study of the Trenton public school system. He is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Committee on Accreditation and has served on and chaired many other boards, councils and committees during his distinguished career.

Dr. Pruitt was named one of the Most Effective College Presidents in the United States by the Exton Education Foundation in 1986. He received the Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa, in 1990 from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts and the Doctor of Humane Letters from SUNY Empire State College in 1996. He also has received an honorary doc-



Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College

torate, the Alumni Achievement Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Illinois State University. In 1992, Dr. Pruitt received the Humanitarian Award of the New Jersey region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He has received numerous other awards and citations for service.

He is listed in Who's Who in America, Outstanding Educators of America, Leaders in Education, and Who's Who Among Black Americans. In 1993, he was named Educator of the Year by Black New Jersey Magazine.

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BLACK MARRIED COUPLES CONTINUE TO DECLINE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer than half of all black families were headed by a husband and a wife as of 1997, according to the Census Bureau's latest estimate on the state of black families. The 46 percent figure is down from 50 percent in 1990 and 58 percent in 1970, Census population expert Claude Bennett said recently.

She said the change among blacks is probably symptomatic of a trend in general, with more Americans becoming divorced and separated and increasing numbers of women raising children as single mothers. In 1997, approximately 47 percent of black families were led by a woman with no spouse present. Those numbers affected their income.

STUDY SHOWS POOR PORTRAYAL OF BLACKS IN MEDIA

Raleigh, N.C. — A North Carolina State University study of the depiction of minorities in the media cuts to the core of those images, says the chairman of President Clinton's race advisory board.

"This study goes to the heart of the images that we see every day," said John Hope Franklin, a Duke University professor.

"If we look carefully at what's behind the images, then things become problematic."

The seven-month study by NCSP professor Robert Entman will be part of Franklin's presentation in September to the president.

MORE WHITES THAN BLACKS LEAVING WELFARE

RALEIGH (AP) — Whites left North Carolina's welfare rolls faster than blacks over the last two years, and blacks continue to outnumber whites on welfare, state officials said.

Since July 1996, the number of white families on welfare in North Carolina dropped from about 32,000 to 18,397 or by about 43 percent.

During the same period, the percentage of black families on welfare decreased by about 33 percent, from 64,800 in 1996 to 43,484. At the same time, the percentage of blacks that make up the state's welfare population increased slightly, from 64 percent in 1996 to just over 65 percent this year.

JUDGES GROUPS SAY COMMISSION EXCEEDS AUTHORITY

DETROIT (AP) — The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission is being accused of second-guessing black judges' legal decisions.

"The tenure commission is overstepping its boundaries by acting as an appellate court," said Wayne County Circuit Judge Karen Fort Hood, president of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan. The association approved earlier this month by the association was prompted by several complaints against black judges, Mr. Hood said. Thus far, five of the nine complaints pending before the commission involved black judges. Black judges account for just 85, or 14 percent, of the state's 616 judges.

TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR DATE RAPE DRUG

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since GHB, the "date rape" drug of the moment, is hard to crack down on after it hits the street, some House lawmakers believe their best weapon, Colorless, odorless and only slightly salty, the substance is one of several "date rape" drugs that attackers have used to knock women unconscious before assaulting them.

Republican Rep. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas has had several cases of women who claimed to have been immobilized by GHB and raped. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, has introduced a bill that would make it easier for law enforcement officials to prosecute dealers who try to get around the law by altering their recipe for GHB so the chemical makes up of their product produces the desired effect but no longer fits the drug's legal definition.

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wounded, Angela Dickinson dove for the floor during the shootout in the Capitol but says she saw enough in the chaos around her to identify the gunman accused of killing two police officers.

"I truly did come out the lucky one," Dickinson said recently in her first public remarks on the gunfire.

"I only wish that there were three surviving victims instead of just me," she said. "May God bless you."

Across the Potomac in Virginia, one of the policemen, Special Agent John Gibson, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery after a procession of police vehicles that

stretched for miles along the route from the funeral in Lake Ridge, Va. The procession slowly wound past the Capitol, where the flags were still at half-staff, before moving on to Arlington.

"He's been many lives. He's lost his own," said 11-year-old Thomas Hoffman, who looked on, dressed in his Boy Scout uniform. The other officer, Jacob J. Chestnut, was buried at Arlington days later.

Meanwhile, in what will doubtless be a crucial piece of evidence, a security camera perched inside the Capitol dove during the gunman captured a chilling look at the start of the deadly firefight, according to a description provided by a law enforcement source familiar with the videotape.

The tape begins by showing the attacker's outstretched left hand,

gun already drawn, before he even reaches the metal detector a few feet from the doorway. Chestnut, talking to tourists, quickly crumbles to the ground.

The assailant, face obscured by a wide-brimmed hat, goes through the metal detector, switches the gun to his right hand, pivots to his right and points the weapon as if to shoot, although no flash of light or smoke is seen.

He then takes a few steps and suddenly confronts his body, as if he had been hit or tripped. At least, it has already been reported that at this point, another Capitol police officer, Douglas McMillan, fired at the suspect from further inside the building.

The gunman then runs out of the picture, behind a fleeing female figure. Capitol Hill police spokesman

Sgt. Dan Nichols would not comment on the tape. Meanwhile, shooting suspect Russell E. Weston Jr. remained in the hospital recovering from his wounds, unable to attend a scheduled arraignment in court.

Weston has not entered a plea to a charge of killing federal officers, which can carry the death penalty upon conviction. His lawyer asked to postpone the court date nearly three weeks, but the judge did not immediately rule on that.

Attorney A. J. Kramer has met with Weston's lawyer recently but has declined to answer questions about his client's mental condition. Weston's family has said he is a diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic who often ranted against the federal government and believed agents had planted mines on the land around his Montana cabin.

BET founder addresses media issues at NABJ convention

By Shaun Tandon
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black journalists and business leaders met to preserve African-American voice in the increasingly white-owned U.S. media, Robert Johnson, founder of Black Entertainment Television, said recently.

Addressing the annual convention of the National Association of Black Journalists, Johnson encouraged reporters and editors to "remember the soul of the black people that you are" when on the job.

Johnson said media conglomerations has drastically hindered blacks' ability to show their viewpoints. He pointed out that in the past 20 years,

no black magazine has been founded without the financial help of white Americans. Johnson said Black Entertainment Television, the network he started in 1982, was "the only place where blacks could always discuss issues of importance to them."

Black Entertainment Television, in Johnson's view, does not report news, but rather serves as a forum for African Americans to discuss the deeper issues behind current events. For this reason, Johnson said, he has resisted suggestions to start a black-oriented nightly news broadcast and has instead stressed the importance of talk shows on the network.

In recent years, Johnson has moved to broaden the reach of Black

Entertainment Television. For example, he revealed plans last month to start a studio to produce black-themed movies for theaters and television. Johnson said Hollywood often neglects blacks, particularly black women.

The only way for blacks to increase their media role, Johnson said, is to pay more attention to their community. Are you journalists or are you black journalists? Johnson asked the audience. "Am I a businessman or am I a black businessman?"

Johnson painted an overall bleak picture for blacks in the U.S. media. He said blacks own almost nothing in one of the media's fastest growing areas — the Internet.

Robert Johnson

King III says FBI owe family an apology

By David Pace
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The son of the late Martin Luther King Jr. says an apology from the FBI is in order for the harassment and spying the civil rights leader endured during the 1960s.

Martin Luther King III said Wednesday that the FBI should eventually apologize because the agency, under former director J. Edgar Hoover, "spent years and years trying to discredit my father and my family and spent millions of dollars of taxpayers money."

"The healing process can never begin until we say publicly that maybe we made some mistakes," said King, who last week assumed the presidency of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference founded by his father.

The King family has been lobbying the Clinton administration to create a national commission to open a new investigation into the assassination of King, who was gunned down on a motel balcony in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. Attorney General Reno is reviewing the family's request.

FBI spokesman Frank Scalfidi said it would be inappropriate for the agency to comment on King's request for an apology while Reno is considering whether to reopen the

assassination investigation.

James Earl Ray, who was imprisoned for the murder until his death of liver disease this year, disavowed his initial confession and spent years futilely seeking a new trial. The King family joined the effort in recent years, arguing that Ray was innocent.

King, speaking to reporters after the conclusion of the SCLC's annual conference, said a new "truth" would have raised a lot of issues that needed to be raised "concerning the involvement of the FBI and other government agencies in the harassment of his father."

Those same issues, he said, can be aired if Reno decides to reopen the investigation into King's assassination, focusing on new evidence that has surfaced over the years.

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Back settlement named an historic site

NICODEMUS, Kan. (AP) — The journey has come full circle for black pioneers who left the South and a life of slavery and settled their own town, Nicodemus.

Hundreds gathered recently for a ceremony making the town a national historic site.

The town is the last surviving all-black settlement west of the Mississippi River founded during the Reconstruction following the Civil War.

Only about 30 people live in Nicodemus now — all of them older than 65. But about 800 people gathered for the dedication ceremonies and the 120th annual Emancipation Celebration Homecoming weekend.

"All the people who endured slavery in Kentucky and then came to the paradise of Kansas, they're the ones who are truly rejoicing today," said Angela Bates-Tompkins, president of the Nicodemus Historical Society. "Those people who came and started this town didn't do it to win."

Founded in 1877, Nicodemus was settled by blacks leaving the South in search of a new life. President Clinton signed a law making it a national historic site on Nov. 12, 1996, but this is the first year the town in north-central Kansas received any federal funds.

Five buildings make up the historic site — the A.M.E. Church, First Baptist Church, St. Francis Hotel, Township Hall and the Nicodemus School District No. 1 schoolhouse.

All five buildings are on approximately 160 acres, surrounded by nearly two dozen bungalows and mobile homes.

Robert Stanton, director of the National Park Service, said the town should benefit from the historic designation. "The attempt to capture the spirit of those who settled here is the duty of the National Park Service."

A park management plan is currently being devised, said Felix Revello, chief ranger for the Ranger Division of the Fort Larned National Historic Site and the Nicodemus site.

Private individuals or groups still own the five buildings, but the park service would like to buy them someday he said. For now, there is a visitor center open on weekends during the summer, walking tours of the town and some renovation work being done.

The government also plans to produce literature about the town and provide more signs directing people to it, he said.

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THE MARCH showing you remember

People who lived in Newark in June 1967 will never forget it. The Newark Rebellion was the chaotic crash point after a long slide down the road of emulsion. More than the lives lost, the buildings burnt, the jobs evaporating, Newark's heart failure produced a film of "poor-ness," malaise and danger that covered every mention of a city that was once categorized as being populated with industrious, spirit-filled people.

Nobody should live in, or dwell on the past, but it is important to remember the point from which Newark began its climb back. A group of people did this recently at the 11th Memorial March/Service Honoring the 1967 Rebellion Victims. This was another opportunity not just to honor those who gave up their life for a cause that seemed lost, but to compare and contrast the conditions of the past.

Almost 300 people turned out to march in the Central Ward procession. They walked through streets people were scared to visit two decades ago. Former Councilman George Branch marched side-by-side with the man who defeated him, Cory Booker. Branch did so much to bring new life to this ward, and his leading this commemoration is a fitting tribute to all his rebuilding efforts.

The problems of poverty and police brutality are still part of the Newark picture, but you can only argue a degree of progress; there is no question that progress has been made. This is a case where to remember is to work towards the further progress of the Renaissance City.

Letters to the editor New Jersey Transit makes a right turn

Congratulations are in order! New Jersey Transit is buying 50 buses which will be fueled with natural gas. We have been waiting a long time to have cleaner buses traveling through our downtown areas and cruising our countryside. New Jersey Transit has now seen the light and that will help all of us to see the sky.

But 50 is a very small number when the total number of buses being purchased is 2,000. That means that only 2.5 percent of the new buses are alternatively-fueled. And the buses, including the old diesel type, will be around for 10 to 15 years.

Chattanooga, Tennessee has a successful fleet of alternative technology buses which were built right in their town. Why is New Jersey so slow to adopt cleaner emissions technologies, especially when it has serious air quality problems, second only to California?

Diesel engines produce significant amounts of harmful particles (soot) and sulfur dioxide. These cause immediate harmful or dangerous symptoms with asthmatics. Others with breathing or cardiac disorders, children, the sick and the elderly all have their health impaired and their lives potentially shortened by particulates.

And while we are talking about buses, we need strict inspections for all types of buses. That includes school buses as well as NJ Transit buses. Let's phase out the highly polluting diesel buses as soon as possible so we can all breathe easier.

Sincerely,
Irwin M. Berlin, M.D.
Board Member, American Lung Association of New Jersey
Chief, Division of Pulmonary Medicine
St. Elizabeth Hospital

An open letter to all black Elected Officials in the State of New Jersey

The New York organizers of the Million Youth March have asked us to reach out to you, as our elected representatives in the state of New Jersey, on a matter of critical importance to insuring the success of this epic mobilization.

As perhaps you are already aware, the March is slated for September 5 in New York City. Its organizers wish to hold it in Harlem, pay homage to the central cutting-edge place that community has historically played in the forward motion of our peoples' consciousness and to inspire a healthy indigenous commercial activity for the good of the community's businesses.

Upon applying for the proper permits for the gathering, however, the organizers have been met with hostility, racializing polarizing rhetoric, unacceptable alternatives that would isolate us from our community and even threats of arrest from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

While previous mobilizations of its kind, referring specifically to the Million Man March and the Million Women March respectively, were given initially met with skepticism, criticism and even cynicism from government officials in their host cities, they never were faced with the unprecedented hostility we are facing here, of having our lawful, God-given, constitutionally human and civil rights to free speech and to peaceful assembly violently abridged by the police.

We, therefore, respectfully call upon you, in defense of our youth, the hundreds of both the Million Man March and the Million Women March, and the future of our people, to use the prestige of your respective offices to publicly condemn Mayor Giuliani's dangerous grandstanding and to urge him to peacefully and respectfully cooperate with its organizers in a manner in step with the dignity of his office and for the good of the national image of that most famous city. Whether the Mayor dislikes or disagrees with the Million Youth March or not, he needs to seriously be reminded that the fight to free speech and to peaceful assembly does not end with people whom he disagrees with in the city over her prejudices.

Please be informed that this is being asked of Black elected-officials throughout the country because many of their younger constituents intend to participate in the March, as we intend to, and desire to do so in peace and without incident.

Further, we are asking all of our parents and able-bodied-elders who participated in both the Million Man March and the Million Women March to come to the Million Youth March to help insure that the police do not behave in an overzealous and aggressive behavior and that no government sponsored CONTELPRO-inspired agent provocateurs get out of hand, or in other words, to come stand with us and to save our backs. Finally, be the spirit of the Million Man March and the Million Women March, we trust that you will recognize this for the urgency it demands and that you too will "save our backs... So, "just like the tree standing by the water, we shall not be moved!"

Respectfully
Zayid Muhammad
Frontline Artists

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The NAACP convention: padding minor issues

By Carolyn Bennett

The NAACP meeting this week in Atlanta reminded me of the white abolitionists in America. When the African race in the first trial for their release and return to their homeland, the white abolitionist said, smiling to the black abolitionists, "I'd love you, we would have lost support for our cause: abolition of slavery."

So the NAACP met in Convention in Atlanta. There they made long speeches and had the women, like Patti LaBelle, entertain them. The men played themselves in nostalgia puppetry before the people just portended self-promotion and present problems with no concrete plans for the future.

The new host chairman, Julian Bond, seemed, at one point, to talk to himself about himself. He compared his mother's age to the NAACP's age. In school, we call that quidding. Later in the speech, he turned to chest-poking boasting seeming to set himself at the time of Jefferson.

"Now," Bond said, "the slave's grandson (speaking of himself) teaches at the university (that) slave owner Thomas Jefferson founded in Virginia..." And if anybody was wondering what the new chairman of the board was going to do for card carrying

ing, does paying members—well, he never got to that.

And neither did the organization's executive director, Kweisi Mfume. He uttered slavery talks to suit the emotion for the otherwise successful black over-achievers to get into trouble.

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When Reciting a list that long can leave you breathless.

But Mr. Clinton is still the President, and despite the desire of those "hither-thunder-thou" souls who want to see him handed out of office, or shamed into submission to their political will while he remains in office, the President has no obligation to leave "totally hapless" inside.

Reciting Monica Lewinsky, especially while there is a criminal investigation going on into the matter.

So the United States is not a monarchy. I know that. This country is not ruled by a King. The President, as citizen, therefore, is not above the law. Nor is he beneath it. The President did not surrender his rights to equal protection, the presumption of innocence until proven guilty, the Fifth Amendment, among others) under the Constitution when he took the oath of office.

Whether or not Mr. Cockell's disingenuous career is not over as top body guard or not. There is a greater principle involved in forcing so-called "Secret Service agents" to testify as to what they saw the President do or not do.

President Clinton has won Supreme Court approval to force. First: What kind of law enforcement

Testimony from the not-so-Secret Service

By Asikia Muhammad

Whatever else he said about President Bill Clinton, he has a certain penchant for providing the opportunity for others to succeed. He has been successful in keeping the black over-achievers to get into trouble.

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ment officers can Secret Service Officer be in the first place, if they can see the President commit a crime in the White House or elsewhere, and then do nothing to prevent that crime. Didn't the President commit a crime? So what can they possibly do about that should not remain secret.

Second, how can anyone expect an officer who carried a duty badge to "take a bullet" to prevent the assassination of the President. To honor that commitment when that same officer is forced by a prosecutor and a judge to "snitch" on what he has seen of the President's conduct behind closed doors?

Finally, the offense the President of the United States is suspected of is adultery—having a sexual relationship with someone other than his wife.

Since adultery is a "sin" and not a "crime of misdemeanor" "the impeachable offense" Judge Starr is investigating concerning the President is "lying about adultery." Didn't the President admit to Clinton confessions to such as this on a national television program, even before he was elected in 1992? Didn't we know he was an adulterer when we elected him?

I guess the reason that such a "crime of misdemeanor" is the administration of modern Presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson is not to weaken relationships with women other than their wives) is because they were never asked such a question under oath.

The sad fact is that people all around the world are laughing at the American way of democracy they are trying to export everywhere they are paralyzed by the absurdity of the process of the congress and the Senate. The President is a Superpower, impeaching its leader because he lied about having sex outside of marriage.

What else happened to the idea of men discreetly protecting the "honor of women at all costs?"

Waters opposes African trade bill

By Congressman Maxine Waters

I supported the African Growth and Opportunity Act, H.R. 1432, when it was considered in the House. I cast my vote in favor of the Africa bill, knowing it was not a perfect bill, with the hope that it would be addressed in the Senate. I fought to improve the bill on the floor of the House, offering key amendments intended to address some of the worst aspects of the bill. I then committed myself to continue to fight for improvement in the Senate.

My support for the Africa bill was measured with my sincerest hope that the amendments I offered and proposed would improve the bill. I proposed five amendments and, although the strongest amendment was not adopted by the Rules Committee, I was allowed to bring three of the reform amendments to the floor for debate.

During recent conversations with major proponents of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, many including Agriculture Subcommittee Chair Edward Royce, that my amendments

should have been supported, I was told to believe that the agreement to support these amendments on the Senate side. Unfortunately, Senator Roth and the Republican leadership chose to politicize this effort, rejecting the substance of my reform amendments and arguing that a better bill for Africa would emerge from the Senate.

However, the Senate Finance Committee did not stop there. The Committee stripped the Africa bill of important provisions that dealt with the retail and aid to Africa while leaving problematic legitimacy requirements language. Then the Committee added the poison pill of

the once-failed "Fast Track" legislation, along with other unrelated trade bills. As a result, I must now oppose this bill because of the damage the Senate Finance Committee has done.

It is clear that the Republican leadership has sacrificed any serious effort to improve and craft a positive bill for Africa on the stage of election year politics. The Republicans are attempting to use cynical "divide and conquer" tactics in the hope of pitting Democrat against Democrat in the House. But they will not succeed.

By attacking Fast Track, Senator Roth has condemned the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, in any form, to a certain defeat. Because of the damage to working families that a Fast Track legislation poses, I was a leading opponent of Fast Track last fall. Now I will be forced to be one of the leading opponents of the hybrid Senate-Africa/Growth trade bill as well.

What I, and other advocates for Africa, had hoped would emerge would be an Africa trade and aid bill that would act as an important first step towards a comprehensive economic approach with the continent of Africa. African nations should be treated as equals in trade while continuing to receive the vital aid needed for sustainable development.

What we now face is an omnibus trade bill which appears to be a Clinton trade bill for multinational corporations. This bill shows little regard for the importance of leaving the ownership of Africa in the hands of Africans.

Africa has been exploited long enough. Let us not create yet another set of African multinational corporations and financial institutions to own and operate the entire infrastructure of Africa.

Our appreciation of John Henrik Clarke

By Dr. Keith Orlando Hilton

The southern born historian John Henrik Clarke always reminded me of the wise comforting uncle that we all have in our families.

When I was a teenager I felt an opportunity to learn him closer, I felt like a student sitting at the foot of a master teacher. And I was always quietly amazed at his humility and intellect.

When Dr. Clarke died on Thursday, July 16, he was the age of 83, many of people around the world had heard of him and knew that he was a great activist and intellectual. More than that he will be remembered as one of the greatest African scholars and elders of the 20th century.

Prior to moving to Southern California from Long Island, New York in the mid-1960s, I used to spend many weekends at lectures sponsored by the West Coast Alliance, a New York City First World African, a New York City based organization of Black scholars, students and community activists.

One Saturday, I would leave my home on the island and stop in Queens to pick up some of my students and then head to Convent Avenue in Harlem.

John Henrik Clarke, Ivan Van Sertima, Yusef ben-Jochanaan and the West African scholars of Temple University, who is considered the founder of the theory of Afrocentricity, and Kwame Ninsin, the founder of Kwanzaa.

The passing of Dr. Clarke is also a time for celebration. He helped to realize the notion of being African has been around for as long as Black people have been in the New World.

We are going to celebrate his life and being an African!

Keith Orlando Hilton is a contributing writer for the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Dealing with the Federal Election Commission

By Dr. Lenora B. Fulani

Last month, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit denied my petition for a review of the Federal Election Commission's order that I repay \$117,000 of the approximately \$2 million in primary funds that were granted to my 1992 Presidential campaign. The decision clipped an extraordinary six year investigation, during which my campaign, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) demonstrated its institutionalized hostility to me and my campaign. I ran my office outside the two major parties, especially if those independents are black and progressive.

In 1992, I ran for President of the United States as an independent. I was on the ballot in 40 states and qualified for almost \$2 million in primary matching funds. This was my second presidential campaign; in 1988 I was the first African American and the first woman to be on the presidential ballot in all 50 states. I understood those candidates, not because I had any illusion that I would win, but to help create a broad, diverse, and inclusive movement that would yield a new party, a new way of doing politics, a chance to for the American people to choose progress and development instead of corruption and decay.

These ground-breaking activities were enthusiastically supported by many Americans at the grassroots. My campaign workers raised over \$2 million from over 100,000 contributors, enabling me to qualify for almost \$2 million in matching funds (which was, however, a small percentage of what the major party candidates received).

A routine, post-campaign audit, resulted in an order to repay the FEC only

\$1300 — one of the best compliance records in the history of the primary matching funds program. But in the summer of 1994, audit publicized accusations by a former campaign worker, whose claims were unsubstantiated and perjurious, and known to be politically motivated, the FEC imposed the first audit and launched a novel investigation punctuated by charges of criminal embezzlement, fraud and conspiracy against me, my campaign workers, and my treasurer. A year later, the FEC held that I was liable for a repayment of over \$612,000, based on their disingenuous use of over \$1 million of my campaign expenses.

With direct support from an array of Congressmen, civil liberties reform activists and civil liberties attorneys, we forced the FEC to abandon this line of attack and restore most of my funds. Moreover, the dozens of suits now issued by FEC and three years of investigation failed to turn up any evidence whatsoever of criminal activity, and the FEC was forced to fully reinstate its earlier allegations of fraud, embezzlement and conspiracy.

All things considered, this case was a considerable victory for us. Even with a required \$117,000 repayment (out of a total of \$2 million in matching funds received), one member of Congress, who had gone to me on my behalf several times during the investigation, wrote me a congratulatory note saying, "I think you won."

Lenora B. Fulani once ran for President of the U.S. as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first black woman to appear on a ballot in all fifty states. She is now on the ballot in all fifty states.

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DALLAS — The National Association of African American Chambers of Commerce presents "Developing An African American Foundation for the Future." Their 10th annual convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency. For more information, call (214) 871-3550.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

EDISON — A comprehensive two-day workshop on Business Writing & Grammar Skills held at the Edison Mall at Edison Square. To register and for more information, call (908) 258-7246.

ATLANTA — The Black Professional Secretaries Association hosts the 9th Annual Professional Development Conference at the Atlanta Renaissance Hotel. Workshops include building a web page, and preparing for the written exam. For more information, call (770) 578-5005.

PENNSYLVANIA — "Come Meet The President" in a public/private forum sponsored by GTE. Forum will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. For more information, call (215) 983-9977.

MORRISTOWN — Learn the fundamentals of successful project management. The 2-day workshop will be held at the Ramada Hotel East Hanover. For more information, call (800) 873-7565.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

SOMERSET — The Somerset County Commission sponsors a luncheon for representatives for their "Recognition of Outstanding Business People" event on November 4. For more information, call (908) 725-1552.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

EDISON — A one-day seminar titled "Business Writing Basics for Professionals" at the Ramada Inn. For more information, call (908) 873-7545.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

UNION — A half-day seminar is being held at Kean University titled "Doing More for Your Small Business with the Government," is being presented by the New Jersey Small Business Development Center. The program will run from 9a.m.-12p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

NEW ORLEANS — The National Multi-Cultural Tourism Conference will take place this year in Louisiana. This year's theme will be "Emerging Markets: Preparing for the New World Order." (800) 725-5852.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

MONTECLAIR — The Urban League of Essex County offers a series of free employer/employee seminars. The classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-746-8888.

NEWARK — N.J.N. Public Television invites the public to tune in to "Employment New Jersey" — a show that offers the public on-camera employment opportunities. The series airs 7 p.m. on Mondays and is rebroadcast Saturdays at 9:30 am.

New online service aids small firms

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce recently announced its partnership with DigitalWork, a Chicago-based Internet business services company, to launch a new online package of tools designed to aid small businesses in managing operations, reducing business costs and gathering information. The co-branded product comprises applications that, for affordable transaction fees, fulfill a wide range of common activities performed by small businesses — from writing and sending targeted direct mail and press releases, to posting job openings and collecting overdue accounts. Users can also sell and purchase products and services, and monitor changes in their industry. Backed by best-of-class providers, including IBM, Business Wire and Reuters/USA, all tasks can be performed from beginning to end through the DigitalWork site.

"DigitalWork will help small businesses explore and enter the next marketing frontier — the Internet," said Brian Mencke, director of small and medium-sized business development at the U.S. Chamber. "It gives these businesses access to tools and resources once reserved for larger organizations, while reducing the supporting information and education to use these tools to their fullest potential."

DigitalWork is available at www.uscwork.com or through the U.S. Chamber's web site at www.uschamber.org.

Aliance with Forbes nets Executive Leadership Council \$274,000

NEW YORK — Timothy C. Forbes, chief operating officer of Forbes Inc., presented a \$247,000 check recently to David L. Hinds, president of the Executive Leadership Council (ELC), and W. Frank Fountain, president of the ELC, during their meeting at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City.

The allocation represents 20 percent of the revenue generated by "Diversity: A Business Imperative," a 60-page advertising section, the largest ever to run in Forbes. The section ran in a recent issue, which also included The Forbes 500's list of the nation's top companies.

Diversity: A Business Imperative detailed the commitment of the nation's top corporations to embracing diversity in their employees and customers. Featured were ELC member companies such as: Amoco Corporation; Bell Atlantic Corporation; Chrysler Corporation; The Coca-Cola Company; Kellogg Company; Monsanto Company; Pitney Bowes Inc.; Rockwell; Sears, Ro-



Shown from left are W. Frank Fountain, Executive Leadership Council president; Timothy C. Forbes, Forbes Inc. COO; David L. Hinds, Executive Leadership Council president; Arnold Prives, Forbes director of special projects; and Donna Brooks-Lucas, ELC member at ELC's meeting at New York's Marriott Marquis Hotel.

back and Co.; Wells Fargo & Co.; and others. ELC members and advertisers who contributed to the section's success were presented with commemorative plaques during the meeting by Forbes' director of Special Projects, Arnold J. Prives.

Merrill Lynch pledges \$500,000 to UNCF

NEW YORK — William H. Gray III, president and CEO, The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) recently announced that Merrill Lynch & Co. has pledged \$500,000 to launch a two-year scholarship, internship and mentoring program for sophomores at historically black colleges and universities.

In partnership with Merrill Lynch, UNCF has created the Merrill Lynch Scholars Program, a grant to reinforce a mutual goal of increasing the number of minority professionals in the financial services industry.

The program has identified 15 African-American college sopho-

more, this Spring, who will receive two-year scholarships of \$5,000 per year from the Merrill Lynch Foundation. Scholarship recipients will be guaranteed a summer internship with Merrill Lynch between their sophomore and junior years.

"Diversity is not just good citizenship. It's sound business. With that in mind, Merrill Lynch is continually expanding its recruiting effort to reach a broader range of talent," said Merrill Lynch President and Chief Operating Officer Herbert M. Allison, Jr. "An ongoing, consistent commitment to improving our ability to educate, recruit and retain talented women and minorities is key to our overall diver-

sity effort."

Students are selected for the program on a competitive basis. Preferred majors include economics, mathematics, business, finance and accounting.

Students who wish to participate in the program would embody the Merrill Lynch principles of client focus, respect for the individual, teamwork, responsible citizenship and integrity.

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Purchasing power and black consumers

Dale G. Caldwell

The purchasing power of Black consumers has increased significantly this decade. In July, the University of Georgia released a study indicating that "black buying power" will surpass \$500 billion this year. "Black buying power" is defined as the total personal income after taxes of black Americans. The study indicates that by 1999, "black buying power" is estimated to be almost 75 percent higher than in 1990. "Total buying power" in the United States is projected to rise less than "black buying power." Estimates indicate that total buying power will be 57 percent higher in 1999 than in 1990. One of the biggest reasons for this difference are the educational gains that have been made in the black community. A higher percentage than ever of the black population has completed high school enabling more people to enter the workforce. The data that will have the highest estimated "black buying power" in 1999 is in billions of dollars are as follows:

- New York — \$60.9
- California — \$40.9
- Texas — \$35.3
- Florida — \$30.7
- Georgia — \$29.4
- Illinois — \$24.4
- Maryland — \$23.9
- North Carolina — \$24.1
- New Jersey — \$23.4
- Michigan — \$22.9

The total estimated black buying power in the United States in 1999 is \$527.2.

What does this gain in purchasing power mean to the black community in New Jersey? The \$24.4 billion of black buying power in New Jersey means that the black community has a tremendous opportunity to reinvest in itself to close the financial gap between the black and white communities. However, what does reinvestment really mean and how does it benefit the black community? In short, "reinvestment" means that after tax dollars of black consumers are

spent in the black community at least once and preferably multiple times.

For example, a black business person purchases a shirt in a black-owned store. The store uses the money to purchase a shirt from a black-owned clothing manufacturer. The clothing manufacturer then uses these dollars to purchase materials from a black-owned supplier. The money originally supplied by the business person is reinvested in the black community three times. Unfortunately, this reinvestment rarely happens.

Why is reinvestment important? Too often black communities suffer from high rates of unemployment, poverty, crime, homelessness and hunger. This is especially amazing given the \$500 billion of purchasing power in the black community. Unfortunately, much of this purchasing power never reaches black businesses. As a result, black businesses are struggling to survive and frequently cannot afford to hire people in black communities. Because these businesses do not provide sufficient jobs, poverty, crime and unemployment abound in black communities. Reinvesting money in the black community leads to strong businesses which will employ and train people.

What role can you play? As a financially savvy consumer you should always buy the best products and services available. You should make every effort to invest your hard earned funds in a black business or in supporting the black community.

If you would like more information on how to invest in the black community please e-mail me at dcaldw@dtus.com.

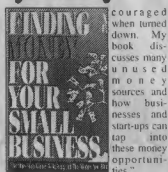
Dale Caldwell is a certified management consultant (CMC), a former certified financial planner (CFP) and the national director of recruiting at the Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group.

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couraged when turned down. My book discusses money sources most people have never used. It shows how businesses and start-ups can tap into these money opportunities."

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Finding Money for Your Small Business is available from the American Institute of Small Business, 7335 Wyatville Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55426 or call (800) 326-2006.

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According to a report by Packaged Facts*, black people are highly receptive to financial services that are marketed to them. Example: Deluxe Corporation, by creating a check series commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, exceeded their market projections by 15%.

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Local Briefs

Second empowerment summit adds two new categories

NEWARK — "Don't Give Up" is the theme of The New Jersey Statewide Empowerment Summit II that will take place September 23 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Victoria Theater.

The Summit will provide an update on the progress in the areas of the first four empowerment categories discussed at Empowerment Summit I: Community and Housing Development, Economic Development, Health Care, and Youth Participation.

Additionally, presentations on projects and programs within the two new empowerment categories, Faith Based Initiatives and Arts and Culture will be introduced for discussion. For more information on this event call toll free, 1 (877) 6-SUMMIT.

On-site aftercare programs move to seventh year

PLAINFIELD — The Alma McLeod Foundation will offer an On-site Aftercare program in elementary schools in Plainfield. The program will begin September 3.

The program will be offered in the following schools: F.W. Cook, Emerson, Evergreen, Woodland Jefferson and Clinton.

Everyday that the school is in session the program will run from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Homework is stressed and a snack will be provided.

The \$15 registration fee, payable one month in advance, will cover the cost of arts and crafts and other activities. Nineteen Ninety-Eight marks the seventh year that this program has been in operation.

The cost of the program is \$45 a week for one child, and an additional \$30 for a second child. For further information, call (908)755-6552.

New recruits and more funding enhance Elizabeth police force

ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth police department recently accepted 11 new recruits, bring the department's total to 357. Mayor Chris Bollwage swore in the new members of the department at ceremonies at the city's police headquarters.

After orientation session, the recruits will enter the Police Academy will be placed on patrol after they graduate in December.

"I am committed to continuing our progress in making Elizabeth a safer place to live and work," Mayor Bollwage said. "Public Safety has always been one of our highest priorities and we have worked hard to make the Elizabeth Police Department the best staffed and equipped force in the state."

To assist in this efficiency, the City of Elizabeth has received an additional \$750,000 COPS Universal Supplemental Hiring Grant to fund the hiring of 10 additional civilian dispatchers.

The funds come from the U.S. Department of Justice as part of the COPS MORE Program. This supplemental grant will fund the hiring to 10 additional police officers and pay for their retention through the year 2001.

Plainfield YWCA receives historic designation

PLAINFIELD — The public was invited to the 91st Annual meeting of the Board of the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield recently. Part of the meeting agenda included a ground breaking ceremony for the restoration of its historic building at 232 East Front Street.

The groundbreaking ceremony will inaugurate the first phase of the YWCA's \$3 million restoration project. The major portions of this phase will be enhancing the handicap accessibility to the building with the addition of an elevator and the complete restoration of the lower level into a state-of-the-art "Health and Wellness Center."

"The development of the Health and Wellness Center will allow us to broaden our services and commitments to our constituents," said YWCA Executive Director Jacquelyn Glock.

Governor signs bill reimbursing boys chorus



Boys from the greater Newark area attend the Newark Boys Chorus school, founded in 1969. In addition to exposure to a rigorous curriculum, the students receive the opportunity to travel professionally as a member of a touring chorus. The school seeks to develop well-rounded young men, literate in the arts and academically prepared to succeed in life.

TRENTON — Governor Whitman today signed into law a measure to reimburse the Newark Boys Chorus School for travel costs associated with their successful trip to South Africa.

The measure was sponsored by Assemblymen William D. Payne, Craig A. Stanley, Ron

Rice and State Senator Winona Lipman. The law (formerly known as A-1831) appropriates \$25,000 to the Department of Community Affairs for a grant that will cover transportation and travel expenses for the boys and their chaperones.

"This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for this dedicated

group of youngsters," said Payne (D-Newark). "These ambassadors of song have proven that living in the inner-city does not mean you have to be a gang member or a teen parent. This grant will ease the financial burden for this school that brings honor to the entire state."

"This journey gave these

boys the opportunity to see the world outside of Newark, New Jersey and build a foundation of cooperation and good will between this state and South Africa," said Stanley (D-Irvington). "They were able to explore an entirely different culture. The Newark Boys Chorus is an urban success story that

the state should take pride in promoting and supporting."

The Newark Boys Chorus School performed a concert tour of South Africa in April. The tour was filmed for a documentary to be aired on New Jersey Network in the fall and the national Public Broadcasting System early next year.



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Lifestyles

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NAACP reviews 50 years of military progress



The Vietnam War came at the height of civil rights activity, yet blacks served in the military with distinction. Above, a wounded soldier is carried by rescuers of the First Cavalry two miles from the Cambodian border.

By g.e. mattox
Staff Writer

"Our immediate task is to remove the last remnants of the barriers which stand between millions of our citizens and their birthright. There is no justifiable reason for discrimination because of ancestry, or religion, or race, or color."

—Harry S. Truman
38th Annual NAACP Convention
June 1947

Blacks have managed to gain equal opportunity when it comes to fighting and dying for their country but when it comes to climbing the ranks "equal" would not be a word to describe the opportunities. They still face the same uphill battle that their predecessors had to face. However, despite these obstacles, the African-American contribution to military valor's spectrum is indelible. Although the incidents of discrimination are a reality, there is general agreement that in the military the issues of race and color don't include the drawbacks it does in civilian life—performance and discipline will make the individual shine and rise to the top.

According to National Public Radio, in the years since Executive Order 9801, has been signed, black participation in the military has tripled to a rate of 12 percent. In that time, seven individuals have reached the highest ranks of military service, four-star general. There are currently on active duty.

Air Force General Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton earned his fourth star in April 1997. He has logged more than 4,000 flying hours and flew 269 combat missions in Vietnam. Other parts of his career history include four years in the Thunderbird precision aerial demonstration team, and Commander of the 12th Flying Training Wing at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas.

Currently, commander of the Air Education and Training Command at Randolph, Newton, who received the nickname "Fig" from a pilot training classmate at Tennessee State University, oversees 13 bases, 43,000 active duty personnel and 14,000 civilians. He embraces the gains made in the wake of Executive Order 9801 while acknowledging that the march to equality is not yet complete.

Noting racial specific racial incidents in the Air Force, and the policies developed to foster equal opportunity since his joining the service in 1968, Newton said in a University of Texas symposium commemorating the Anniversary of Executive Order 9801 earlier this year, "I am extremely proud of our success thus far—I was a part of that era. No, we have not reached the mountain yet, but we are a long way up the hill from the days in Vietnam."

As commander of recruiting, training and education for all of the Air Force, face-to-face contact with those in your charge is a small part of the job. Newton recently returned from a 10-day tour throughout the European Theater—Germany, Italy, Bosnia, Spain and the United Kingdom. He says the tour went exceptionally well. "I wanted to get out in the field and have an opportunity to chat with both the commanders and managers as well as the individuals that recently left the command," he said. "It's a gauge for me to see if we are providing the product that we think we are."

In his career, Newton says he knows of no personal acts of discrimination against him. "But the questions that quickly come to mind is the things that you don't know," he says. "At this point, I know that is not what I really focus on."

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The making of a modern general

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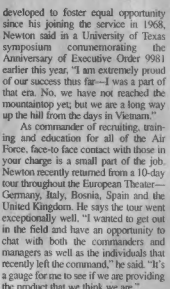
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General Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton joined the Air Force in 1968. He rose through the ranks to become the third four-star general in that branch of the service. The two other African Americans reaching the rank of four star general are Daniel "Chappie" James (deceased) and Bernard Randolph, (retired).

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Fort Monmouth celebrates desegregation

Major General David Gust posthumously awarded the **Purple Heart Medal for Technicians/4th Class William Pritchett** to his daughter, **Elise Williams of Wayne, TX**. Pritchett served with the 333rd Field Artillery. During the battle of the Bulge, Pritchett was among 11 African-American soldiers who were captured and brutally executed by German SS troops near Wereth, Belgium on Sunday, December 17, 1944. A review of military records revealed that their deaths had not been properly recognized. Four other medals were also presented to his daughter on his behalf.



Photos by Avery Grant



To celebrate the historic event of the 50th Anniversary of Desegregation in the Military, four African-American veterans spoke about their personal experiences during ceremonies at Fort Monmouth. The guest speakers were, from left to right above, William Knox, a combat veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; George Watson Jr., an original Tuskegee Armyman; Vivian Martin, an Air Force veteran; and Alden Small, a World War II veteran. Knox and Martin are Long Branch residents, while Watson and Small reside in Lakewood and Tinton Falls, respectively.

The future of the black officer in the Army

By Marc DeFranco

Viewed as a whole, the U.S. Army today is perhaps the most thoroughly integrated entity in American society. More than a quarter of the Army is African American. While the officer corps is much less black, at 11 percent it is the second most integrated of all services. In the Army, more than in any other branch of the military, the integration is far greater than what is found in most of civilian society. General Colin Powell's chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Gulf War crisis put to rest any lingering doubts Americans may have harbored about a racial "glass ceiling" in U.S. military service.

Yet, all is not well in Army race matters. Recent statistics show that the Army rate of integration is far greater than that of all other branches of the military, coming to 10.1 percent of all officers dropped into the ranks in fiscal 1995 and 1997 to 9.3 percent. As if to underscore this trend, the Army recently announced that in only 19 percent of the eligible African-American candidates were selected in this year's annual

Colonel Board selection. The question must be asked, "Why are black officers a diminishing presence in today's Army?"

In an attempt to answer this and related questions, Army Col. Carrie W. Kendrick, military officer, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, conducted a study in 1997 to capture the views and experiences of Army officers, both black and white. The report of her nine-month investigation, "African-American Officers' Role in the Future Army," is a portrait of race relations that offers insights into the Army's remaining racial divide.

Kendrick found that the black officers' sense of a need to prove themselves magnified with each advance in rank. Errors in judgment or other mistakes made by African-American officers are often blown out of proportion relative to those made by their white counterparts, according to the officers interviewed, and such errors appear to be dealt with more harshly than when

white officers make them.

For African-American officers treated differently? It is very difficult to track the kind of records that might document such discrimination. A report in the Washington Post on the appointment of generals' aides is a case in point. Like the generals they serve, all but one of the aides identified by the Post were white, and that one black aide worked for a black general. This pattern—of superior or officers appointing lower officers of the same race—recurs throughout the Army, according to Kendrick's report.

Army promotions depend on many factors besides a good performance record and personal recommendations. An examination of the four basic stages in officer development—early training, learning Army culture, the mentoring experience and initial job assignment—revealed that the playing field is often not level.

In the area of early training, there is a common perception in the Army that most black officers were educated at his-

torically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and that lower academic standards at these schools explain lower achievement among black officers relative to others. In fact, only a minority of black officers come from HBCU backgrounds. For example, just 25 percent of the black second lieutenants today are graduates of such schools.

"The culture of the army," Kendrick writes, "is one where unit cohesion and teamwork within a given unit are felt to have a stronger link than outside associations. These links and ties are necessary, since the army is about team building. The perceived 'whiteness' of the Army culture seems confirmed by frequent instances in which white officers, usually privately, raised questions about the appropriateness of certain cultural traditions among their black peers. In short, the Army culture does not seem to accept or absorb black social traditions the way it accepts others."

The transition from civilian culture to Army life is hard for any officer, but

it is smoothest for those who have attended military academy which white officers are statistically more likely to have done. For the rest, some introduction to military culture is necessary. In the survey, it is reported that fully one-third of black male officers reported that no one had ever talked to them about this topic when they were starting out as lieutenants.

While black officers are found in significant proportions in the four commands, such as Europe, Korea, the forces command, and the Training and Doctrine command, it is understood that assignments to some commands is more desirable than to others because of the leverage they yield for future high-level promotion. In this regard, black officers find themselves overrepresented in the least desirable assignments, the Training and Doctrine command, and underrepresented in the more desirable assignments, such as with European command.

All of the above findings suggest

that racial prejudice may still affect the way decisions are made in the Army. Not only did 57 percent of African-American officers report that they had been subjected to some form of racial discrimination, but an amazing 53 percent of white officers rejected the statement that "There is no racism in the Army."

It is very telling that none of the black officers who mentioned being discriminated against had ever filed equal opportunity or discrimination complaints. They said that they felt they would suffer some form of reprisal if they did. "The officer that makes a report," wrote Kendrick, "is criticized as a team player, and labeled as a disloyal to the commander or the unit."

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Health Calendar

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

NORTH PLAINFIELD—A blood drive sponsored by the Greater Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will take place at St. Joseph's Church, 411 Manning Road, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 908-756-6414.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

PLAINFIELD—A blood drive sponsored by the Greater Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will take place at the First Unitarian Church, 724 Park Avenue, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Call 908-756-6414.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

ELIZABETH—Elizabeth General Medical Center offers "Heart to Heart," a free support group for people with cardiac disease. Call 908-629-8540.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

WESTFIELD—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County will hold a three day workshop on Dimensions of Recovery from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for further information and registration, 908-230-8810.

Surgeon General compares AIDS fight to Civil Rights battle

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recalling his childhood in the segregated South, Surgeon General David Satcher compared the fight against AIDS, which is hitting the black community hard, to the struggle for civil rights.

Speaking to one of nation's oldest civil rights groups, he called on black leaders to reject stereotypes around AIDS, overcome shyness about sex and confront the issue.

"This is an area where we again need to mobilize," Satcher, who is black and grew up in Alabama, told the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in a speech Tuesday. "I'm talking to you about you."

While blacks make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they account for 57 percent of the new infections, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among some groups, the statistics are even more striking: Blacks and Hispanics make up 82 percent of HIV-positive women ages 13 to 24.

And life-prolonging AIDS drugs are helping whites more than blacks. In 1996, deaths among whites with AIDS were down 28 percent; for

blacks, it was just 10 percent.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference's new president, Martin Luther King III, underscored the difficulty of AIDS education, saying he is not comfortable promoting use of condoms.

"The only way is abstinence," he said in an interview after Satcher's speech. "Sex should not be something that we just casually engage in and take lightly."

The solution, King said, is restoring fundamental values to society. He said AIDS is an important issue, although it is not among his top priorities.

Satcher did not recommend any particular prevention strategy on Tuesday. But he and other public health experts agree that use of condoms is essential to halt the spread of HIV among people who are not likely to abstain from sex.

The surgeon general will hammer the AIDS message in upcoming

speeches to black journalists and doctors, and he plans to reach out to other groups such as black fraternities, sororities and newspapers.

But his speech to church leaders was particularly important. Churches play a central role in many black communities, and ministers are often among the most prominent community leaders. But church leaders have been reluctant to talk about AIDS because it relates so closely to sex and homosexuality, Satcher says.

The issue is also thorny because of its relationship to drug use, a major problem inside the black community with its own set of taboos.

"We need your help," Satcher told the organization formed by ministers in 1957. "We need the church to help us to deal with the prejudice and the bias that we face as we're trying to fight this epidemic."

Ministers are uneasy talking about AIDS, said the group's chairman, Dr. Claud Young, a family doctor in



David Satcher during his swearing-in as Surgeon General earlier this year.

Detroit.

"They speak about sex in any form as if it's a form of cancer," he said, recalling preachers asking him not to use the word "condom" inside the church. "I said, 'Not only is the word condom being used in the church, I can assure you condoms are being used in the church.'"

Young added that in Michigan, black organizations have received little of the grant money available for prevention.

Today's fight presents challenges that did not exist during the 1960s, Satcher said. During the civil rights movement, he said, people had hope that they could effect change. Today, too many young people are hopeless about their futures so they do not try as hard to avoid risky sex, and other health threats. But that can change, he added.

"Leadership is critical," he said. "I don't think we've found any substitutes for good leadership."

Patient Advocate helps ease paperwork

ELIZABETH — Union County's Patient Advocate helps residents get the health care they need from the often confusing maze managed care and insurance.

The program was created one year ago by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, which continues to fund and monitor it today. The Patient Advocate's line, (908) 654-6623, is open to residents of Union County.

"This office helps resolve some of the most difficult issues we face," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, who acts as a liaison between the Freeholder Board and the advocate's office. "Patients who have been denied care by their insurance carrier, people with questions about billing and anyone with questions or concerns about the quality and availability of health care can reach out to the Patient Advocate."

Union County's patient advocate is Dr. Erika Fried of Westfield. A recently retired radiologist, Fried worked at Rahway Hospital more than 22 years and ran a private radiology practice with partners.

"As a doctor, I dealt extensively with billing issues and insurance

companies," Fried said. "After I retired, I saw this as a wonderful way to continue to help people."

The office does not usually handle Medicare and Medicaid questions (or seniors, because the county's Division on Aging provides a toll-free hotline for seniors staffed by Medicare experts, though Fried answers questions on any other aspect of health care. With the growth of the managed care industry, many of her questions concern managed care and access to treatment.

"This is a remarkable program because it helps so many people and incurs virtually no cost to taxpayers," said Daniel P. Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "We are grateful that Dr. Fried and her staff have agreed to share their time and expertise to help the residents of Union County."

All calls to the Patient Advocate's office are confidential. An answering machine is used to take calls when staff is not available, and Fried and her staff respond to most questions and calls within 24 hours.

For more information, or to contact Union County's Patient Advocate, please call (908) 654-6623.

Advocacy group urges diabetes drug ban

By Loran Neergaard
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Crüing at least 26 worldwide deaths from liver failure, consumer advocates urged the government Monday to ban a diabetes drug widely touted as a way to help some patients reduce their need for insulin shots.

The call to ban Rezulin comes seven months after the drug was pulled off the market in Britain because of its liver risks.

The Food and Drug Administration responded Monday that Rezulin offers an important benefit for Type II diabetics who aren't adequately helped by other drugs. The problem is that doctors aren't following repeated warnings to closely test every diabetic to see if Rezulin is harming his or her liver, so they can stop taking the drug before it causes permanent damage, the FDA said.

Deaths "have persisted since the first warning, the majority of which were not proper monitoring," said FDA's Dr. Florence Houn, who is overseeing Rezulin. "More education for health care providers is needed."

But the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen said warnings aren't enough.

"How many more Americans will have to die or require liver transplants before Parke-Davis and the

FDA take action to protect people in this country by banning the drug?" wrote Public Citizen's Dr. Sidney Wolfe in a petition filed Monday with the FDA. "No other diabetes drug causes liver damage remotely like this," he added.

FDA records dated June 5 show the agency has reports of at least 21 deaths among Rezulin users, 100 hospitalizations for liver toxicity and three liver transplants in the first 15 months the drug was sold, Wolfe said.

The Rezulin concern comes a month after two other drugs were pulled off the market when safety warnings failed to prevent patient injuries. The FDA banned the painkiller Duract for causing liver failure after four deaths and eight liver transplants. The blood pressure drug Posicor was banned after 24 deaths and 400 injuries when it interacted dangerously with other medications.

Rezulin, known chemically as "glitazone," was widely hailed as a "big dog" to attack the underlying trigger of Type II diabetes, the adult-onset form of the disease.

Rezulin somehow sensitizes the body to insulin — helping to lower blood sugar enough that many patients report needing fewer daily insulin injections and a few even have quit taking insulin. Consequently, Houn said it's an important drug to many diabetics.

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Religion Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

PLAINFIELD—A "Return to God" Revival will take place 7:30 p.m. through August 14 at the Rose of Sharon Community Church, 908-561-8070.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

PATERSON—The New Christian Tabernacle Church of God in Christ invites the public to join in noonday prayer every Friday, 973-742-1976.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

NEWARK—J&J Productions of Paterson is bringing Hezekiah Walker and the Low Fellowship Crusade Choir to Newark Symphony Hall at 8 p.m. Call 973-643-8009 for more information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

PLAINFIELD—Come on out to see "Hell's Flames," a dramatized real life presentation you'll never forget—cast of fifty sound and lighting effects. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. at Calvary Revival Center, Free Admission. Nursery and children's ministry provided. Call for more information 908-754-0819.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

PASSAIC—The Grace Bible Class Church Annual Sunday School trip to Dorsey Park & Wildlife Kingdom will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. 989-9873 or 779-4395.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

OLD BRIDGE—Come celebrate the outcome of "Gifts of Love Outreach Ministries" with Minister Randy and Evangelist Barbara Booker. 11:30 p.m. at the Grand Marquee, 908-759-6944.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

ATLANTA—Join us for the third annual Gospel Heritage Gala Concert & Awards. For detailed information, call 615-376-5656.

HAWTHORNE—The Northern NJ Sunday School Association will sponsor the 38th annual Christian Education Convention through the 24th at the Hawthorne Gospel Church. For more information, call 1-800-363-4410.

Honor yourself and your heritage

By Junior Ricardo Stanton

One of the greatest challenges we face as Africans in America is reprogramming ourselves from a shame-based mode of existence to one in which we honor ourselves, our ancestors, our African heritage and our progress.

The ravages of the dehumanizing process used during slavery, the deliberate and systematic marginalization and ascription to racial caste made us ashamed of who and what we are. We were taught Africans were inferior beings who contributed nothing to world history or human progress. We were told Blackness was a curse, that we were incapable of greatness.

Shame is a debilitating emotion. The Dictionary of Psychology defines it as: "an emotion characterized by feelings of guilt, embarrassment and avoidance." We were made to feel guilty about being black, guilty because our ancestors were enslaved. Many of us are embarrassed by our tawny hues, our features, our rhythms, and our vital energy. Some of us are so mortified by our folkways and customs, that we don't even want to live around our own people. We avoid our family members who haven't mastered the charade of being black Anglo Saxons, or who aren't caught up in conspicuous consumption as we are. We avoid conversations about Africa eschewing research into the causes of the war, famine and poverty engulfing the continent, instead accepting what our enemies tell us about our motherland as gospel. Shame has closed our minds to our innate beauty and potential. Our shame benefits the enemy because we don't believe we are worthy to challenge their lies or their system.

Shame is the root cause of our low self-esteem, poor self-image and low expectations. Even if we have individual self-motivation and initiative, we lack empathy and honor for our people. We take on a "why can't they get it together?" attitude. Racism and shame have blinded us to the realities. The great tragedy is that our shame goes deep into our psyche and poisons us against ourselves. Secretly we are angry at our idea of God (usually we envision him as an old White man on a

throne in the sky) because he made us Black and caused us to feel for something "Ham" did way back when. To make matters worse we are told by Christian theology that we are all wretched sinners, innately flawed, unchangeable by our ancestors, doomed to hell and eternal banishment unless we accept their doctrine and dogma. We may go to church, but many times the preachers hammer us about our sinfulness which makes us even more ashamed and fearful (full of fear).

Shame and honor cannot co-exist. You either are ashamed of who you are or you like, love and respect yourself. Self-esteem is how you assess your own worth and value. You cannot have healthy self-esteem and be ashamed of who you are, your ancestors or where you came from. You may be successful in one or more areas of your life but if you are ashamed of who you are it eats at you and forms a cancer in your psyche.

We need to understand that making someone ashamed of themselves is a very effective way to control them and undermine their sense of self-worth which in turn impacts on what they attempt to do, be or accomplish in their lives. To effectively convince people they are inferior you must first make them feel ashamed of who they are. That way even if they see examples of people who look like them accomplishing great things, they won't believe they can do them.

Think about this for a minute. If we were really inferior, our enemies would not have to expend so much energy, brute force and psychological chicanery to keep us down, uninvited, disorganized and self-sabotaging.

But, we don't have to continue to fall for the okay-doke. The opposite of shame is honor. Honor means to show great respect or high regard. Honoring and loving ourselves is the most revolutionary thing we can do. Once we begin to consciously and consistently honor ourselves, we will have broken the chains of psychological bondage and taken the first steps to restoring ourselves to sanity, wholeness and health. Now is the hour of salvation/opportunity! Begin to honor and celebrate your ancestors, yourself and your progeny.

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Gospel singer's stamp debuts



Newark—Newark Mayor Sharpe James (right) Newark Postmaster Thomas Utzinger (left) and Newark's Cultural Affairs Supervisor Gwen Molen (front left) recently unveiled the Gospel Singer's postage. The stamps were the 1998 additions to the Legend of the American Music Series and are designed with the images of four renowned gospel singers: Mahalia Jackson, Robert Martin, Rosetta Tharpe and Clara Ward.

Can faith lower racial barriers in divided communities?

BENTON HARBOR, Mich.—Five days a week, July Lammers crosses from home in mostly white St. Joseph to work in mostly black Benton Harbor. The bridge over the St. Joseph River is an easy drive, but the chasm between communities is harder to navigate.

For that, Mrs. Lammers turned to her church. Spurred by a book about the communities' racial inequities, the pastor in her predominantly white church organized a choir exchange with a black congregation across the river. After an afternoon of singing, Mrs. Lammers says, racial and economic differences felt a little less glaring.

"You can't help but be concerned about race issues, living here in St. Joe," says Mrs. Lammers, who is white. "As Christians, we want to work toward resolving those things."

She calls the choir exchange "a great opportunity to begin to know each other."

Boarded-up buildings line many Benton Harbor streets, which are deserted after dark. State police shore up the city's police force. Less than a mile away, St. Joseph bustles with restaurants, boutiques, offices and a picturesque beach front. Most of Benton Harbor's 13,000 residents are black, most of St. Joseph's 9,200 residents are white.

Still, both communities share a strong religious tradition. Mrs. Lammers' pastor, the Rev. Kent Meyer of the Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, noted more than 160 churches within a 5-mile radius. They include the Brotherhood Church of God in Christ in Benton Harbor where the Zion church choir sometimes practices.

In June, the Ku Klux Klan rallied on the steps of the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph. The rally lasted 20 minutes, with police outnumbering spectators. But Klan officials said

"There's just so much fear and distrust that's built up over the years," Meyer says. "Knowing that the people on the other side of the river share the same belief... helps a lot in helping people to let go of some of the fear of each other."

We are called to be one in Christ, regardless of our race or national origin," he says. This is something that God is calling us to do.

For many years, Meyer's congregation has volunteered at a Benton Harbor soup kitchen. But, he says, this is the first time he has used faith to reach across the river.

In Benton Harbor, the Rev. James Atterbury applauded the choir exchange at his Brotherhood Church of God in Christ. "This would just get us familiar with each other, so we could see we have more in common than different."

The crossover was prompted in part by a book published earlier this year. "The Other Side of the River" by Alex Kotlowitz, chronicles an investigation into the 1991 death of a black teenager last seen alive in St. Joseph. Some residents dismissed the book as inaccurate and exploitative. Others lauded its frank discussion of racial divisions.

Then, in March, a white police sergeant in St. Joseph was accused of knocking a black man from Benton Harbor off his bicycle and filing a false report to conceal it. Though no criminal charges were filed, he was suspended for 30 days and demoted. The officer is appealing.

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local residents, whom they refused to identify, financed the demonstration.

"We're the only county of this size in the state that does not have any minority representation," says the Rev. Walter Brown, a black man who has lived in Benton County for 46 years.

"You don't have to read a book to know it. I see it every day, and so do others. For too long, we've been like an ostrich with our head in the sand."

Brown, who heads the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, vowed to act after reading Kotlowitz's book. So he organized a luncheon of ministers from both sides of the river to talk about race relations. Eighty-five people turned out, including Meyer. Joint church practices were one of many ideas proposed.

The Rev. Richard Taylor would like to see the group help integrate shopping areas. Taylor, who leads the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Benton Harbor, says many stores attract only white or black customers.

"I would think all Christian people would want to see these types of things changed," he says. "These are the kinds of things this council could address directly an integrated group could visit the store."

The ministers acknowledge that prayer cannot address all of Benton Harbor's problems. Many, including Brown, believe better jobs and better schools are the key to revival. (For 1997, the annual unemployment rate was nearly 22 percent in Benton Harbor and 1.6 percent in St. Joseph, according to state records.)

"We're praising the same God, so there shouldn't be any hassle or discord about praying together, black or white," Taylor said.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

HOBOKEN—The "Movies Under the Stars" series presents *The Meaning of Life* at the Erie Lackawanna Plaza. The movie is free to the public and begins at 9 p.m. For more information, call (201) 420-2207.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

BROOKLYN—A free outdoor concert featuring The Dramatics will be held at MetroTech Commons at MetroTech Center. The two-hour show is scheduled to start at 12 p.m. For more information, call (718) 636-4111.

NEWARK—The Jazz in Bloom concert series at the Newark Museum presents trumpeter Valery Ponomarev. Showtime is 12:15 p.m. For more information, call (973) 596-6555.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

NEW YORK—Saxophonist Myron Walden performs at Harlem's Studio Museum. Admission is free. For more information, call (212) 864-4500.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

NEW YORK—Cools Light "Roots of Rhythm" nine-city tour comes New York and Newark on August 16 and 22, respectively. The tour features such artists as Chico DeBarge and Shades.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

NEWARK—The Priory at St. Joseph's Plaza presents filmmaker Marylou Tshabo-Bongiorno. For more information, call (973) 643-1625.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

HOBOKEN—Movies Under the Stars presents a screening of *Arrested*. One featuring the story and as the President of the United States. Free seating is limited. For more information, call (201) 420-2207.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

NEWARK—Spend an incredible evening with the winner of the Oscar, and the Tony award, NJPAC host Liza Minnelli featuring the Cortes Alexander Trio for a two-night performance. For more information, call (201) 507-8900 or (888) GO-NJPAC.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

EAST ORANGE—Join the festivities at East Orange High School for a Caribbean parade and carnival. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (973) 764-3705.

TLC explores Egypt and Mars

This Egyptian pyramid is featured in the TLC program *Quest For The Lost Civilization*.

MARYLAND—The Learning Channel (TLC) travels around the world and through our solar system for a week of unique exploration. Trek through the jungle with modern archaeologists who use Global Positioning System and satellite imaging instead of a compass and map to find the ruins of an ancient Mayan city. Orbit Mars to evaluate satellite evidence of an ancient culture that existed millions of years before our own. Then, return to earth to join the search for the ancient civilization that predates the Egyptians. TLC's "Quest West" airs Sunday, August 16 - Wednesday, August 19.

In the series, *Quest For The Lost Civilization* (premiering August 16 at 9 p.m.), TLC joins British writer Graham Hancock's 12th quest for answers as he travels across five continents and visits some of the most beautiful and mysterious sites in the world looking for the origins of civilization.

Mystery of Mars premieres August 19 at 10 p.m. This program takes viewers on a journey through the history and mysticism of the planet that has captured our imagination. From Percival Lowell's earliest observations of the Red Planet in 1910 to the Pathfinder mission in 1997, TLC takes a look at a man's triumphs and tragedies in his pursuit to unlock the puzzles of this mysterious planet.

Shanice Wilson joins the LaFace family

ATLANTA — LaFace Records' co-presidents Antonio "L.A." Reid and Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds recently announced the signing of R&B/pop singer Shanice to LaFace Records. Shanice Wilson, Best known for her No. 1 hit, "I Love Your Smile," Wilson, who simply goes by Shanice, is set to release her first album on LaFace Records in October 1999.

"We proudly welcome Shanice to LaFace," said Reid. "We're deeply committed to assisting her in achieving the next level of success." The album, still untitled, showcases Shanice's high-powered vocal ability on ballads, mid and uptempo songs. Shanice is also demonstrating other dimensions of her considerable creative talent by penning several cuts on the album.

Some of the writers/producers Shanice worked with on the album include Babyface, Dent & Dub for Noontide, Montell Jordan and Jazz

the Man. Babyface says, "Shanice Wilson is one of the most gifted artists with whom I've ever worked." He continues by praising her incredible vocal range and claims "she's got what it takes to be a superstar."

Some of the projects Shanice has lent her extraordinary talents to include collaborations with Kenny Loggins, a top 5 smash on the Beverly Hills 90210 soundtrack, a duet with Jon Secada on the multi-platinum soundtrack for Disney's Pocahontas, and on Broadway where she became the first African-American to star in one of the most successful and long running Broadway musicals, Cameron Mackintosh's *Les Miserables*. Most recently, Shanice has collaborated with her new LaFace family by lending background vocals to Babyface and multi-platinum label-mate Usher. Shanice is also scheduled to appear with Usher in his upcoming video "Bedtime."



Shanice Wilson

Scoop Du Jour



By Asandra Hunter



Whoopi Goldberg

It looks like Whoopi Goldberg may have another hit movie on her hands according to the buzz around the set of the 20th Century Fox film, *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*. The Academy award-winning actress fit up the screen in *Ghost*, *Clara's Heart*, *Sister Act I & 2*, *Boys On The Side* and of course the wonderful film based on Alice Walker's book, *The Color Purple*. Now she feels she has finally been blessed with the opportunity to work with one of her favorite actresses, Angela Bassett.

CN: In this new role, you certainly make sure not to show too much body. Whoopi: Oh yeah, that was on purpose. I have the legs and the smile. They could only shoot me from mid-thigh on down. Now Angela, she's got a tight body. She came up out of the water like Ursula Andress. I had five layers of clothes and I was trying not to act like I had a hump on my back. I had poundage to hide. I didn't want to be that person caught on tape naked wishing someone had told me that I didn't look good.

CN: What makes you select a certain role? Whoopi: Since 1987, I've starred in and carried about three movies a

year. That's nine to 12 weeks in a hotel room, somewhere other than home. So I've decided I'm tired and I don't want to do that anymore. I need some time off.

CN: How long did it take to film "Stella"? Whoopi: One week and a half was in Jamaica and one week was in the states. One of the good things was that I got to work with Angela. I've known her casually for several years and always wanted to work with her.

CN: All of your roles seem to fit your personality and temperament. What do you say to those who would argue that there aren't any good roles for black actresses? Whoopi: We haven't learned that every black movie is not right for us. I don't have to be in everything but I did this movie because the time was right. I liked doing this movie because it's a good film and they paid me right.

CN: Do you feel wholly accepted by black viewing audiences? Whoopi: I wasn't supposed to be

the one who opened doors. I didn't look right. I didn't sound right and I didn't dress right. I'm ready to take the challenge when fighting for what should be mine. Whenever you put a word in front of the word American, that's just another reason for people to shut you out. I had to take all the slings and arrows and keep going.

CN: And when you're going up stream, people place a big emphasis on who you date.

Whoopi: Yes and I'm currently living with a wonderful man (actor Frank Langella). He's in Paris shooting a movie. Life is good.

It appears to be so good that Whoopi can devote some energy to a venture that she feels is pure fun.

CN: News: So you're going to host "The New Hollywood Squares." Whoopi: It's going to be a lot of fun. It will feature some old stars and some up and coming stars. We'll be doing 10 weeks of charity shows and the money will go to help pediatric AIDS, prostate cancer and anything that teaches the human existence.



Whoopi Goldberg, left, stars as "Stella" in the 20th Century Fox film *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*.

Schomburg exhibit showcases the history of black performers

NEW YORK—An exhibition entitled *Blacks on Stage: Selections from the Helen Armatstead-Johnson Collection*, will run through November 8 at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The New York Public Library, due to popular demand. The show is on view in the Exhibition Hall and Linauer Edition Gallery at the Schomburg Center, 515 Malcolm X Blvd. (at 135th Street) in Manhattan.

The exhibition celebrates Armatstead-Johnson's commitment to document the lives of blacks in the performing arts, and draws upon her collection and other related Schomburg Center collections to create a comprehensive historical survey. Including over 400 items, the exhibition explores the African-American presence in music, dance and drama especially during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Armatstead-Johnson, a leading African-American theater historian, decided to shift her focus from 18th century English literature to theatrical research following a chance meeting with the late composer Noble Sissle in 1966.



Shown here are Harold Nicholas, Ruby Hill, Fayard Nicholas and Pearl Bailey in *St. Louis Woman*. The photograph, which is part of the Armatstead-Johnson collection, was taken in 1946.

instruments, personal items, family keepsakes, slides and taped interviews.

The Armatstead-Johnson Collection makes a major contribution to our knowledge of famous and lesser known, but pioneering performers. Chronically the triumphs and tragedies of African-American artists, documents their struggle to create authentic cultural expressions of themselves within the context of two

centuries of stereotyping and cultural denigration. Its memorabilia offers insights into the lives of individual blacks on stage.

Exhibition hours for *Blacks on Stage: Selections from the Helen Armatstead-Johnson Collection* are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Poetry series makes its way to Newark

Poetry takes center stage at the Thursday Night Poetry Series, hosted by African Globe Studio in Newark. Taking place the first and third Thursday of every month, the series offers an open mic poetry platform for performance poets in the New Jersey area. The series opened August 6.

The August 20th performance will feature Tim Brown of the Lyrical Poets Society, Arnon Pope and Jerry Cant. The program will be open to the public.

On September 3, the series will showcase Yic-Dov and the Opidan Goddess. Upcoming poets include Ngoma and Apollo winner Jessica Care Moore. For more information, call (973) 624-1384.

Acclaimed poet makes novel debut

In her first book length prose effort, acclaimed poet, Thylis Moss tells her own story. She creates a memoir-critique have called both "elegant" and "forthright." The book, a serious examination of a childhood shattered and a life reclaimed. Tale of a Sky-Blue Dress, was recently published by Bard.

Moss is the only child of a maid and a factory worker who moved to Ohio from the segregated South of the '50s. Raised with much love, she flourished until the age of five, when disaster struck in the form of a young neighbor and the image of a sky-blue dress that continues to tinge the periphery of her thoughts, her life and her writing. Moss's childhood was shattered by this girl, her baby-sitter, who took pleasure from inflicting pain in a variety of ways, from the small and frustrating to the intensely intrusive. Her reign of terror, even after it



Author Thylis Moss

ended, would wind poisonous tendrils throughout Moss's life. Moss kept the abuse to herself, never telling family and friends, thus mystifying them by her behavior later in life, deepening the chasm created by the abuse.

Ultimately, Tale of a Sky-Blue Dress is a story of a young woman retrieving her life from the grasp of darkness. Moss, drawing strength from perspective and the power of language, revisits her past to examine her silence and to understand the formative effect her trauma had on her writing and her identity as a writer. Moss suggests that she wouldn't be who she is, were it not for intimate knowledge of evil, oppression, and pain.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Boonon (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority, located at 125 Chestnut Street, Boonon, New Jersey, on August 18, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 14, 1998, at the Authority's Administrative Office at 125 Chestnut Street.

Sealed bids for:

CONTRACT NO. 2 - Balfour Wall Restoration at Pineview Apartments.

All work incidental thereto, in accordance with Specifications.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the following amounts:

BIDS	AMOUNT
up to \$200,000	10%
\$200,000 - \$400,000	\$20,000
over \$400,000	5%

Bids must be accompanied by correct surety regardless of whether check or Bid Bond is submitted. All bonds and consents of surety must be written by registered companies listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Office of the Authority, Office of the Contract Documents may also be obtained at said offices upon payment by check or cash drafts in the amount of \$75.00 payable to the Housing Authority of the Town of Boonon. **COPIES WILL NOT BE MAILED. PAYMENT FOR DOCUMENTS IS NON-REFUNDABLE.**

The Successful bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond, within 10 days after the date of the award, in the amount of the bid, as required by the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury, as the Authority may prescribe and with such sureties as they may approve.

All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action", and Public Law 1977, c. 23, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

Sherry L. Sims
Executive Director
Boonon Housing Authority

\$158.50

Request for Hourly rates for Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and Carpentry

The Ashbury Park Housing Authority is requesting proposals from qualified licensed contractors for electrical, plumbing, heating and carpentry hourly services to be used as needed by the APHA. Your sealed proposal should include both regular hourly rates, emergency hourly rates and include work references. These hourly rates will be kept on file for a period of not less than one year and the APHA will use these rates to hire the contractor on an as needed basis.

Contractors must be incorporated or a DBA with Federal ID number and must have the following minimum qualifications:

1. Automobile Liability (any auto, hired auto, non-owned auto)
2. Workmen's Compensation and Employees Liability
3. General Liability

Please submit a sealed proposal with the hourly rates that pertain to your services, to the Housing Authority of the City of Ashbury Park, located at 1000th Third Avenue, Ashbury Park, New Jersey 07712 by 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, 1998 at which time they will be opened and read aloud at a public bid opening.

HELP WANTED

SECURITY OFFICER POSITIONS

Experience required. Apply in person at 1000 1/2 Third Avenue, Ashbury Park.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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Social Service Director

Advertised Date: July 29, 1998

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The New Brunswick Housing Authority does not discriminate against applicants for age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, religion or marital status, sex, sexual orientation or on the basis of disability.

Please mark envelope (sealed bid hourly trades rates)

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

General Legal Services

Bid Number: NHNA(PF)-2A

SUBMISSION DATE CORRECTION

The New Brunswick Housing and Urban Development Authority requests proposals from Attorney's-at-law, license to practice in the State of New Jersey, for the provision of general legal services to all legal matters which may arise in connection with the business and management of all Authority programs, to be performed over a time period of one (1) year. The services to be performed shall be in accordance with the scope of services, terms and conditions regarding same, set forth in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's guide contract entitled, "AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT LEGAL SERVICE", a copy of which (and a PROPOSAL, PROFORMA) may be obtained by contacting (or leaving a request to) John A. Clarke, Chief of Staff, New Brunswick Housing Authority, 71 Nelson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 745-5147, fax (732) 214-4805.

Proposals must be submitted to: Mr. Kevin Quince - Executive Director, New Brunswick Housing Authority, 71 Nelson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, no later than 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 1998.

\$91.50

New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Service

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds for Behavioral Supports for Adoptive Families

Take Notice that the Division of Youth and Family Service, Office of Adoption Operations is requesting proposals from community based agencies for statewide Behavioral Supports for Adoptive Families. The treatment services are to be provided in New Jersey and the bid will be published on or about August 17, 1998 in the New Jersey Register. Copies of the request for proposal may be obtained by calling:

Sharon Hunter at (609) 292-4441 or Robert Williamson at (609) 294-0823

or they may be obtained by attending the Bidders' Conference on August 27, 1998 10:00 AM at:

Central Adoption Resource Center
3131 Princeton Pike
Building 1, Suite 202
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

It is a prerequisite and a requirement that prospective applicants attend the Bidders' Conference. Failure to attend the Bidders' Conference will disqualify agencies from the application process. Agencies are asked to confirm their attendance at least three days before the Bidders' Conference by calling:

Sharon Hunter at (609) 292-4441.

\$58.00

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, New Jersey intends to procure the following described services:

Fiscal auditing services with regard to the Authority's accounts for a period of one year, fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. Proposals, requirements, criteria for award of contract, additional information regarding scope of services and submission of proposals may be obtained by contacting the Housing Authority's Administrative Office, Carfield Court, P.O. Box 337, Long Branch, N.J. 07740, during regular working hours, or telephone (908) 282-3747 ext. 116 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The deadline date for submission of proposal is August 31, 1998. Proposals must be received by 12 p.m. of the above-stated deadline date.

David A. Brown
Executive Director

\$44.20

INVITATION FOR BIDS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY MATERIALS & SERVICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for the following materials & services:

REBID

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.

98-B12442 PAGING SERVICES, ALPHA-NUMERIC, DIGITAL SELF-DISPATCHING AND OPERATOR DISPATCH

All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and received on the above dates by the Contracts Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07102 at which time and place the bid will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid conference will be held at the Newark Housing Authority, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, first floor conference room (0106).

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.

98-B12442 PAGING SERVICES, ALPHA-NUMERIC, DIGITAL SELF-DISPATCHING AND OPERATOR DISPATCH

Bid Specifications for the above are available for pick up at the Contracts Division of the NHA at the said address. Telephone: (201) 430-0256.

Bids and Performance Bonds are not required for these bids. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1975 c.127 Affirmative Action Program. The NHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received at the designated time of bid opening. The NHA reserves the right to reject any partial bids, and to award all or a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the NHA.

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Sales DISTRICT SALES MANAGER

MEDICOFT support rural senior center, seeks an experienced individual with at least 5-6 years of proven Healthcare sales experience. Knowledge of direct care setting and/or support therapy is preferred. Enjoy a competitive salary and commission with complete benefits package, including 401(k), Pension plan and tuition reimbursement. Please send resume with salary requirements to: Alm, Director of Sales, MEDICOFT, One Maple Plaza, Paramus, NY 10760. Please no phone calls or faxes. EOE M/F/D/V.

College graduate wanted Weekly African-American Newspaper searching for editor

Fast learner, highly resourceful with excellent research, writing and communication skills. Must have great organizational skills, ability to supervise others able to identify, research and report news and information pertaining to black people. Must know Microsoft Word, Quark. Able to work nights and weekends. Must have reliable car. Willing to train recent college graduate with right skills and attitude. Starting salary negotiable depending on experience. Send resume and writing samples to: City News, PO Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060. No phone calls please.

Teacher/Educator wanted

To write and edit a one-page monthly National Teacher's Guide. At least two years of teaching experience necessary, preferably grades 6 and up.

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